

On motion of Senator Armistead  
Senator Pope was excused for three  
days from yesterday.

On motion of Senator Houston,  
The Senate took a recess of thirty  
minutes.

Senate called to order.

On motion of Senator Terrell,  
The Senate adjourned 'till 10 o'clock  
to-morrow morning.

#### FIFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber, }  
Austin, April 20, 1888. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjourn-  
ment.

Lieutenant Governor Wheeler in the  
chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr.  
T. B. Lee.

Pending the reading of the Journal  
on motion of Senator Davis the fur-  
ther reading of the same was dispensed  
with.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVER- NOR.

The following message was received  
from the Governor. read and ordered  
printed in the Journal:

Executive Office, }  
April 20, 1888. }

To the Senate of Texas.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to  
transmit herewith for your information  
a special report by Honorable R. M.  
Hall, Commissioner of the General  
Land Office.

Yours respectfully,

L. S. Ross,  
Governor of Texas.

General Land Office, }  
Austin, April 18, 1888. }

To His Excellency, L. S. Ross, Governor:

Dear Sir—In answer to your inquiry  
of recent date I have the honor to sub-  
mit the following, showing the trans-  
actions of this department pertaining  
to school lands, under the act of April  
1, 1887, providing for the sale, lease,  
etc., of the same. As requested, these  
statements, as well as the estimates,  
are prepared with especial reference  
to finance and revenue. You are re-

spectfully referred to the following ex-  
hibits, which show the results to date:

Exhibit "A" shows the sale of 292,-  
526 acres at an average price of about  
\$2 20 per acre, amounting to \$645,-  
232.50, which goes to the permanent  
school fund.

Exhibit "B" shows the sale of  
the timber on 14,515 and three-tenths  
acres at an average price of \$3.60 per  
acre, amounting to \$50,972.75, to which  
should be added \$1,533.13 collected  
from trespassers on timber lands,  
making \$52,505.88, which also goes to  
increase the permanent school fund,  
making a total of \$697,738.38.

Of these amounts, the \$52,505.88 for  
timber was all cash, while of the  
\$645,232.50 for land, one fortieth was  
cash, and the balance of \$629,101.69 is  
represented by obligations or notes  
drawing 5 per cent. interest per an-  
num, making a yearly revenue from  
this source of \$13,455.08.

Exhibit C, relating to leases of school  
land, shows a total leased of 5,034,431  
acres. From this to be deducted 44,-  
640 acres sold to actual settlers out  
of said leases, leaving 4,989,791 acres  
still leased at the yearly rental of four  
cents per acre.

For the purpose in view, to the  
above may be added, of leases in good  
standing under the act of 1883, the  
amount of 1,534,728 acres, making a  
total of 6,524,519 acres now leased at  
four cents per acre, per annum, pro-  
ducing a yearly revenue of \$260,980.76.

In connection with school land sales  
your attention is respectfully invited  
to two or three provisions of the law  
now in operation, which, while neces-  
sary and wholesome, have had the  
effect of retarding sales.

1. These lands are for sale to actual  
settlers only.

2. Before they could be offered for  
sale it was required that they be  
classified and appraised.

3. Settlers have six months from the  
time said lands are placed on the mar-  
ket in which to make application to  
purchase.

Now, although the classification is  
approaching completion throughout  
the state, the six months allowed, as  
above stated, has expired in only a  
few counties. In fact only nine months  
and a few days have elapsed since the  
law went into force, when the work of  
classification began.

Sales will increase rapidly, however,  
each month from this date, and it is,  
perhaps, safe to estimate that at least  
one million acres per annum will be

sold to actual settlers from this time forth, for several years, adding each year about \$2,250,000 to the permanent school fund, and, at five per cent interest, producing an additional available revenue of not less than \$112,500 per annum. It is also deemed safe to estimate that not less than 1,500,000 acres more will have been leased within the next twelve months, which, at four cents per acre will increase the revenue available for school purposes \$60,000 per year.

Your obedient servant,

R. M. HALL.

Commissioner Gen. Land Office.

#### EXHIBIT A,

##### SHOWING AMOUNT OF SALES SCHOOL LANDS.

47,790 acres at three dollars per acre \$143,370.  
 225,139 acres at two dollars per acre, \$450,278.  
 7,200 acres at two dollars and twenty-five cents per acre, \$16,200.  
 2,068 acres at three dollars and twenty-five cents per acre, \$6,721.  
 1,920 acres at two dollars and ten cents per acre, \$4,032.  
 4,960 acres at two dollars and fifty cents per acre, \$12,400.  
 2,809 acres at three dollars and fifty cents per acre, \$9,831.50.  
 640 acres at three dollars and seventy-five cents per acre, \$2,400.  
 Total acres, 292,526.  
 Total amount, \$645,232.50.

#### EXHIBIT B,

##### SHOWING AMOUNT OF SALES OF TIMBER ONLY.

1,271 3 10 acres at two dollars per acre, \$2,542.60.  
 640 acres at two dollars and fifteen cents per acre \$1,376.00  
 640 acres at two dollars and twenty-five cents per acre, \$1,440.00.  
 1,280 acres at two dollars and fifty cents per acre, \$3,200.00.  
 1,280 acres at two dollars and seventy-five cents per acre, \$3,520.00.  
 320 acres at three dollars per acre, \$960.00.  
 779 acres at three dollars and twenty-five cents per acre, \$2,531.75.  
 640 acres at three dollars and fifty cents per acre, \$2,240.00.  
 1,280 acres at three dollars and seventy-five cents per acre \$4,800.00.

640 acres at three dollars and fifty cents per acre, \$2,496.00.

640 acres at three dollars and ninety-one cents per acre, \$2,502.40

1,265 acres at four dollars per acre, \$5,060.

1,280 acres at four dollars and thirty cents per acre, \$5,504.

2,560 acres at five dollars per acre, \$12,800.

Total acres, 14,515 3-10.

Amount, \$50,972.75.

Cash from trespassers, \$1,533.13.

Grand total, \$52,505.88.

#### EXHIBIT C,

##### SHOWING AMOUNT OF LEASES OF SCHOOL LANDS.

Leases under act April 1, 1887, 5,-034,431 acres.

Less (sold to actual settlers) 44,640.

Total 4,989,791 acres.

Leases in good standing under act 1883, 1,534,728.

Total leased this date, 6,524,519 acres.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives, }  
 Austin, April 19, 1888. }

Honorable T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed Senate concurrent resolution No. 2:

To appoint a committee of five Senators and five Representatives to estimate the necessary expenses to be incurred in furnishing the Capitol building, grading and ornamenting the grounds, etc., and that Messrs Strong, Humphreys, Groce, Hunt, and Smith of Bosque, have been appointed as the committee on part of the House.

Also,

That the House has passed House bill No. 2,

Entitled an act making an appropriation to pay the mileage and per diem pay of members and per diem pay of officers of the first called session of the Twentieth Legislature, convened April 16, A. D., 1888, by proclamation of the Governor.

Also,

That the House has passed House Bill No. 15.

An act making an appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the first called session of the Twentieth

legislature, convened April 16, A. D., 1888, by proclamation of the Governor.

WILL LAMBERT.

Chief Clerk House Representatives.

The bills were referred to the committee on Finance.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

BY SENATOR FIELD:

Memorial from Robertson County Farmers' Alliance asking for an amendment to the general incorporation act.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

BY SENATOR TERRELL:

Committee Room, }  
Austin, April 19, 1888. }

Honorable T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate.

Sir:—Judiciary committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 10, entitled, an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend chapter 2, article 566, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, approved March 23, 1887, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

This bill repeals the twenty thousand dollars limitation on the capital stock of private corporations organized for sale and purchase of goods, wares and merchandise and of agricultural and farm products, and under it the capital stock of private corporations is unlimited.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

BY SENATOR GARRISON:

Committee Room, }  
Austin, April 20, 1888. }

Honorable T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Your committee on Penitentiaries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 11, entitled

An act to provide for the comple-

tion of the House of Correction and Reformatory, and for putting the same in operation and to make an appropriation therefor, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report the accompanying substitute for the same, with the recommendation that it do pass.

GARRISON, chairman.

The bill with substitute was read first time.

SENATOR WOODS,

President pro tem, in the chair.

On motion of Senator Burgess,

Senator Pope was excused indefinitely on account of sickness in family.

BY SENATOR JARVIS

Committee Room, }  
Austin, April 20, 1888. }

Honorable T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your committee on finance, to whom was referred House bill No. 2, entitled:

An act making an appropriation for mileage and per diem pay of members and per diem pay of officers and employes of the first called session of the Twentieth Legislature of Texas, convened April 16, A. D., 1888, by proclamation of the governor, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendment:

Amend by adding at the close of section 1, the following words: 'The account for printing and stationery shall take the course provided by the Revised Statutes.'

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JARVIS, chairman.

The bill was read first time.

#### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

BY SENATOR M'DONALD

A bill to be entitled an act to define certain needed improvements or additions to the Blind Asylum, and to make appropriations therefor.

Referred to the committee on Asylums.

The bill provides for the building of one two-story brick building, which shall serve for a steam laundry, plumb-

er's and carpenter's shops, boy's exercise room, dormitories for shop apprentices, rooms for stewards, night watchmen and yard men; with necessary gas fixtures, water pipes and steam heating apparatus, including radiators and plumber's labor.

Steam laundry machinery, such as steam washer, centrifugal wringer, mangle for ironing, belting, pulleys, etc., for laundry.

One large new boiler for boiler house to furnish steam heating for buildings.

Hauling boiler from depot, placing and bricking it, resetting and rebricking old boiler.

One small steam engine for laundry.

Furniture for new and old buildings.

Rearranging present steam heating apparatus for more effectual use, and all necessary new material for same.

Enlarging present boiler house by excavating and extending brick walls with new roof on entire building, and a brick smoke stack forty-five feet high.

Total, \$18 500.

Public necessity and emergency clause.

BY SENATOR ARMISTEAD

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the improvement and repairing of the State Deaf and Dumb Asylum, and for the enlargement of the same and to make an appropriation therefor.

Referred to the committee on Asylums.

This bill appropriates \$25,000 for the purpose of building an additional story on the main building and with emergency and public necessity clause.

BY SENATOR FRANK

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time within which lands that have been sold for taxes and bought in by the State may be redeemed.

Referred to the committee on Finance.

This bill provides that all lands which have been heretofore sold for taxes and bought in by the State, the time for redeeming which has expired and which has not been redeemed and not been alienated, may be redeemed by the owners thereof within twelve months after this bill takes effect provided they pay all taxes due on same with ten per cent interest.

BY SENATOR LANE:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend

section 26 of an act entitled an act to establish and maintain a system of public free schools for the State of Texas, etc.

Referred to Judiciary committee No. 1.

The present law is so changed by this bill as to require the State treasurer to pay to each county, city or town treasurer only his pro rata part of the available free school fund as collected and prevent the payment of the whole amount of some certificates thereby leaving nothing to be paid on others.

BY SENATOR KNITTEL

An act to make an appropriation for buildings, repairs, improvements, and water supply at Prairie View Normal School.

Referred to committee on finance.

This bill appropriates \$35,000 for purposes expressed by its title.

BY SENATOR KNITTEL

An act to make an appropriation for additional buildings, improvements, equipments, and to provide a water supply at the Agricultural and Mechanical college.

Referred to committee on Finance.

The bill appropriates \$100,000 for the purposes stated in caption.

BY SENATOR GLASSCOCK:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for a board to direct and supervise the furnishing of the new State Capitol building, and to make appropriations therefor.

Referred to the committee on finance.

Under the bill the governor, comptroller of public accounts and state treasurer will compose the board; appropriates \$350,000 to pay the experts for plans, diagrams and estimates, and to pay for the furniture for the said building.

Emergency and public necessity clause.

BY SENATOR GLASSCOCK:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for a board to direct, supervise and contract for the removing of all debris from the state capitol grounds, and to grade, level, plant, ornament and fence the same, and making appropriations therefor.

The governor, comptroller and treasurer constitute the board.  
 Appropriates \$100,000.  
 Emergency and public necessity clause.

BY SENATOR BAKER

A bill to be entitled  
 An act to amend title 95 of the Revised Statutes by amending article 4748 as demanded by the acts of the regular session of the Twentieth Legislature 1887, on page 127 of the laws, so as to provide for a more thorough and efficient means for the collection of taxes.

Referred to committee on finance.

This is an amendment to the tax collection law, and in addition to the present law, which requires tax collectors to levy upon property to be assessed for taxes when the owner is about to remove the same out of the county and there is not sufficient property left to pay off all assessments; adds after the words "removed from the county" the following words, "or seized by legal process for debt, sold or otherwise disposed of."

THE PRESIDENT

in the chair.

SENATOR UPSHAW

Offered the following resolution:

Whereas, to-morrow is the anniversary of the day on which the battle of San Jacinto was fought; therefore, be it

Resolved, that when the Senate adjourns to-day it stands adjourned till 10 o'clock a. m., April 23.

SENATOR CALHOUN

Opposed the adoption of the resolution.

SENATOR UPSHAW

Spoke in favor of it.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Armistead	Douglass of J
Baker	Field
Bell	Frank
Burges	Garrison
Camp	Glasscock
Davis	Gregg

Jarvis	Simkins
Knittle	Stinson
McDonald	Upshaw
Macmanus	Woodward

Nays—9.

Allen	Houston
Burney	Lane
Calhoun	Terrell
Claiborne	Woods
Douglass of G	

Senate bill No. 2.

A bill to be entitled an act to reduce taxation for general revenue purposes was laid before the Senate.

Read second time.

On motion of

SENATOR FIELD

The bill was postponed, and placed on the call for Monday morning.

SENATOR BELL

A bill to be entitled an act to erect and furnish additions to the North Texas Insane Asylum, and to make an appropriation therefor, was laid before the Senate and read second time.

SENATOR TERRELL

Spoke in favor of the bill.

SENATOR GREGG

Moved to amend by adding to section 5, the following:

Provided that said wings to said asylum should be so constructed that same may be in every respect completed and amply furnished and equipped for the comfort of the inmates with the appropriation herein provided for and made.

The amendment was adopted and the bill ordered engrossed.

THE PRESIDENT

Appointed Senators Burney, Glasscock, Garrison, Terrell and Douglass of Jefferson on the committee to investigate and report the necessary expense to be incurred in furnishing the capitol building and grading and ornamenting the grounds, etc., as required by Senate concurrent resolution No. 2.

On motion of Senator Burney,

The rules were suspended and House bill No. 2 was taken up out of its regular order by the following vote:

## Yeas—27.

Allen	Glasscock
Armistead	Gregg
Baker	Houston
Bell	Jarvis
Burges	Knittle
Burney	Lane
Calhoun	McDonald
Camp	Macmanus
Davis	Simkins
Douglass of J	Stinson
Douglass of G	Terrell
Field	Upshaw
Frank	Woods
Garrison	

## Nays—1.

Claiborne

## Absent—1.

Woodward.

Read second time with committee amendment.

## SENATOR JARVIS

Spoke in favor of the committee amendment.

Senators Houston, Burges and Burney opposed it.

The amendment was lost, and the bill was passed to its third reading.

On motion of

## SENATOR GLASSCOCK

The rules were suspended, and the bill was passed on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

## Yeas—26.

Allen	Gregg
Armistead	Houston
Baker	Jarvis
Bell	Knittle
Burges	Lane
Burney	McDonald
Calhoun	Macmanus
Camp	Simkins
Davis	Stinson
Douglass of G	Terrell
Frank	Upshaw
Garrison	Woods
Glasscock	Woodward

## Nays—1.

Claiborne

## Absent—2.

Douglass of J      Field

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

## Yeas—28.

Allen	Glasscock
Armistead	Gregg
Baker	Houston
Bell	Jarvis
Burges	Knittle
Burney	Lane
Calhoun	McDonald
Camp	Macmanus
Claiborne	Simkins
Davis	Stinson
Douglass of J	Terrell
Douglass of G	Upshaw
Frank	Woods
Garrison	Woodward

## Nays—0.

## Absent—1.

Field

## THE PRESIDENT

Gave notice of signing

House Bill No. 2.

An act making appropriations for mileage and per diem pay of members and per diem pay of officers and employes of the first called session of the Twentieth Legislature of Texas, convened April 16, A. D. 1888, by proclamation of the governor, and did sign the same in open Senate.

Senate bill No. 6.

An act appropriating \$21,500 to buy 263 acres of land for the State Lunatic Asylum at Austin.

Was taken up and read the second time.

On motion of

## SENATOR TERRELL

The Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock Monday morning.

## SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber, }  
Austin, April 23, 1888. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Wheeler in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the chaplain. Rev. Dr. R. K. Smoot.